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1. The new president of the "Viet Kieu Cuu Te Hoi" (Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association) in Bangkok is Vu Huu Binh, commander of the Viet Minh "troops" in Siam. He has retained his military title.
2. The headquarters of this organization was located at 543 Silom Road, Bangkok, the same address as the Viet Nam News Service. Since the naming of Binh to the presidency of the organization and possibly because of the increase in activity of the organization, its headquarters were transferred to No. 81 Naret Street in Bangkok. The building itself fronts on an alley but there is a large sign with an arrow pointing the direction from the street. Rental is around 1000 ticals a month.
3. The Association is presently looking for another and larger building. The Siamese police have complained about the Association having a building in an alley as its headquarters and have maintained that they could better "protect" the members of the organization if the Association had its building on a main street. The police have also advised the Association to return to the Silom Road address, the same building occupied by the News Service. They even promised to speak to the owner of the building housing the Viet Nam News Service in the case of difficulties involved in the expiration of a lease or in the terms of the contract.
4. The Association is planning to shortly transfer its headquarters to Silom Road but not to the Viet Nam News Service building.

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Comment. The following contain information on the  
Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association in Siam:

Comment. For information concerning Vu Huu Binh see

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Comment. It would be better to change the word "protect" to "watch" in order to be closer to the truth.

Comment. The probable reason for this is to avoid the trouble of having to assign numerous police agents to watch the Vietnamese if their various headquarters were located in different parts of Bangkok.

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